

AWWs & AWHs for duties & responsibilities assigned under ICDS Scheme.

- e. To revisit rate of honorarium paid under ICDS Scheme.
- f. To consider whether additional honorarium is to be paid for functions/responsibilities assigned under other Schemes of Government of India/State Govt./local bodies.
- g. any other suggestion that the Committee may like to make to further motivate these workers to discharge their responsibilities efficiently.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31.12.2006.

Educational backwardness among minorities

†*263. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that one of the main reasons of educational backwardness of minorities, especially of the muslim community is also the unscientific education system of madarsas;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Maulana Azad Foundation established to fulfil the above purpose has also remained unsuccessful in its objective;
- (c) if so, whether Government would consider to adopt modern scientific method in madarsas and minority institutions;
- (d) if not, the details thereof; and
- (e) the State-wise details of such madarsas in the country which receive grant and the manner of Government's control over them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) No, Sir, madarsas mainly impart religious education. The madarsas which volunteer for introducing modern subjects like Mathematics, Science and English are being assisted under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Area Intensive and madarsa Modernisation Programme. A total number of 1631 madarsas have been provided financial assistance under the said Centrally sponsored scheme during 2005-06 for

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imparting education in modern subjects. Information on State-wise quantum of financial grants provided under the scheme on the introduction of modern subjects in madarsas during 2005-06 is as follows:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	35.20
Bihar	79.92
Kerala	59.04
Orissa	168.96
Madhya Pradesh	384.00
Maharashtra	3.16
Uttar Pradesh	235.25
Tripura	45.72
TOTAL:	1011.25

The Maulana Azad Educational Foundation, under the purview of the Ministry of Minority Affairs implements educational schemes for the benefit of the educationally backward minorities. The Foundation does not give any assistance to madarsas.

Introduction of new elective subjects

*264. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBSE will introduce several new elective subjects to students of class XI and XII, who wish to break away from the regular subjects;

(b) if so, the details of those elective subjects being offered to the students;

(c) whether the curriculum for elective subjects in each discipline has been developed and the schools have been informed about the introduction of the subjects; and

(d) the steps his Ministry would take to tackle the problem of shortage of teachers for teaching these subjects?